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Re: Section 106 Consultation for the Battleship TEXAS Dry Berth Project

Dear Consulting Parties,

The Department of the Navy (the Navy) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) appreciate your interest in the Battleship TEXAS Dry Berth Project. At the initial Section 106 consultation meeting on January 26, 2012, we discussed planning for the second consultation meeting. This notice is to inform you that the Navy and TPWD have scheduled the second consultation meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the office of AECOM, 5757 Woodway, Suite 101 West, Houston, Texas 77057. The meeting will be in the 1st-floor training room.

If we are able to conclude our discussions before noon, the meeting will end early.

Currently, the list of topics to be discussed includes:

- Discussion / approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2012 consultation meeting
- Review of revised area of potential effects (APE) by TPWD and the Navy
- Update of the status / presentations of additional alternatives by consulting parties

Update about status of evaluation of Option 5 – by TPWD

As we did prior to the initial consultation, when information was provided in advance of that meeting, we will make every effort to supply pertinent and available information to consulting parties prior to this second meeting. If you plan to present information regarding an alternative for the proposed dry berth project and can provide information to TPWD in advance of the meeting, TPWD will distribute the information to other consulting parties, the Navy, and the Texas Historical Commission, to allow for their review prior to the meeting. Please send your information to consultingparties@dryberthtexas.com. As discussed at the initial consultation meeting, proposed alternatives must, at a minimum, meet the preliminary evaluation criteria distributed at the initial consultation meeting and available on the project website (www.dryberthtexas.com.)

Minutes of the first consultation meeting are currently being finalized. TPWD will distribute the meeting minutes to all consulting parties within the next two weeks. Please bring your comments on the minutes for the January 26 meeting to the March 6 meeting, as we will make every effort to reach consensus on the minutes while we are together.

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Carter P. Smith Executive Director Ensuring the project record accurately captures everyone's comments is an important step in the process. After the minutes are finalized, they will be posted to the project website at www.dryberthtexas.com.

The Navy has authorized TPWD, as the originator and developer of the proposed dry berth project, to send this invitation to you on its behalf. Please respond to this invitation by emailing us at consultingparties@dryberthtexas.com to let us know whether you will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, there will be additional opportunities for participation in the future. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you may participate via teleconference or WebEx. Instructions for joining the meeting will be provided to consulting parties who indicate in their response that they plan to participate in the meeting via teleconference or WebEx.

We appreciate your participation in this important project.

Sincerely,

Michael Strutt

Director of Cultural Resources

cc: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission (SHPO)

Naval Sea Systems Command (PMS 333)

All consulting parties

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